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APPLICANT(S): Yasuyuki TANAKA et al.
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LETTER SUBMITTING DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

October 14, 1999

Sir:

Further to Applicant's Amendment filed September 16, 1999, Applicants have attached hereto a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Mr. Y. Miyamoto to be considered in conjunction with the remarks of September 16, 1999 Amendment regarding the validity of the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) over Yasuyuki et al taken with Kondo et al or Burlett et al or Hayashi et al. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the present claims is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen (Reg. No. 42,575) at the number given below.

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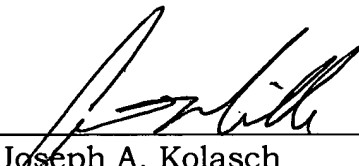
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Very truly yours,

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